

## THE OPEN FORUM.

In Which Readers of The Herald Express Their Views on Current Topics.

would not object. With the coming of the Jitney, there is likelihood of excessive speed, and I had a very narrow escape from in front of a Jitney the other day, when was "hitting it up." Ninth street is a very busy street, and I want to signal. The car was ahead and almost at the corner when the Jitney suddenly appeared, the driver waving me back to go. I was in a hurry to get out of the way to signal to the motorman, and nearly missed my car. Should the Jitneys have the right to travel street car routes, but I think that the street cars must be made behind street cars by all vehicles when passengers desire to alight or go aboard? While about it, will The Herald not bring this point up before Mr. Pullman and the Board of Public INTERESTED READER.

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**Opposed to War.**  
 Editor of The Washington Herald—

This meeting must have been an interesting admixture of Christianity, patriotism and militarism if we may judge from the accounts.

the accounts of the same in the local press. One good woman deplored the apparent disinclination of other women to breed soldiers, and predicted that such a policy if persisted in "will rot American civilization," while the good pastor could imagine nothing more awful, dreadful and unthinkable that could happen to our nation than that a "dead, dead calm should come upon our nationalism."

If he had in mind such a dead calm as

is likely to settle like a pall over exhausted Europe as a consummation of military policy, we can share his dire forebodings and his homopathic views as to the best means of averting it. But if he means, as he evidently does, that we must choose between militarism and national decay, we must again dissent from the pessimistic prognosis of our nation. Has never made such progress in the arts of peace and wealth as in her days of peace. It is hardly conceivable that we will drift like the Ancient Mariner into a "dead, dead calm" unless we set about to killing and being killed. (The pronoun "we" is used in the sense of "they," as it is not to be presumed that the speaker would speak on this occasion in plain English.)

get his or her integument punctured by placing it in any immediate proximity to the muzzle of a machine gun. That high aristocratic privilege is for some one else's boy. The suggestion is that we do it ourselves would produce a "dead, dead calm" that would almost "dead civilization".

The doctor apparently recognizes his cynical attitude when he says, "I am a preacher, not a soldier or a martial." He worships both Jesus and Hitler. He says, "I cannot forget that we won material freedom in the days of Gettysburg with the rifle and sword." It is submitted that the "individual freedom" won by the Union was not won by the sword and won much more humbly and humanely by some other plan. As J. Edgar Hoover

and in benighted Russia; and it would have been so won if we had been rid of some of our martial preachers and other soldiers who would rather spend \$2,000,000 in settling the South than \$1,000,000 in peaceful settlement. The cost of the civil war in money alone would have bought every slave in America, with several hundred million dollars to spare, to say nothing of the death, suffering, and fraternal hatred that would have been the result. And yet this simple, peaceable, equitable plan of settlement was hardly discussed.

It is not conceded that even Bunker Hill should be cited as an argument for

ceded that it is fairly not unless it be conceded that the Methodists with England could not have been settled in America. It may not be improper to mention here that almost the whole of the Methodist clergy were loyal to England in that day, and opposed the "nationals" from whom the rebellious colonists were won by the rebellious colonists at Bunker Hill and the Revolution. Possibly they were at least partly right. It may be questioned whether our boasted liberties thus achieved are not more "psychological" than real. Canada remained with England and seems fairly well satisfied. The difference in political potential between the British oppression and American liberty is, as we have

"The doctor says 'you can trace honorable battles down through the history of Christianity.'" Doubtful. At any rate, we will have to stop at Gethsemane where Peter was rebuked for drawing his sword, and where he also denied his Lord three times all in one night.

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porations, in addition to \$15,000 due her under an antenuptial agreement.

The amount due under the will to James McDonald, Jr., and to his wife and children is what the petitioners desire the court to settle.

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## Morning Smiles.

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### The Parting Point.

When two people's chief delight is in each doing what the other doesn't want done, it's time their divorce is made.

and went their separate ways.—Judge.

**Envious.**

"Look here, Rusted, you've put me off long enough. I shall expect you to pay me that ten on Monday."

"By Jove! old chap, I wish I had your optimism."—Life.

**The Athlete at Home.**

City Visitor—"Your son at college is quite an athlete, I understand. Great at throwing the hammer."

Farm-House Head—"Yes, he is."

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**Humbled.**  
 Mrs. Mallen did not wish to offend her new cook.  
 "John," she said to the man servant, "can you find out, without asking the cook, whether the tinned salmon was all eaten last night? You see, I don't wish to ask her, because she may have eaten it, and then she would feel 'mashed'."

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